Bill Armstrong

Dear Friend,

As U.S. Senator for Colorado, I fought many battles in Washington. Today, as a private citizen, I am asking you to join me in combating a very grave threat now facing our State and its people.

As you are probably aware, militant homosexual activists and their liberal supporters have launched an aggressive statewide campaign to force you and me to condone and give our State's legal blessing to aberrant homosexual behavior and lifestyles. These tragically misguided people have one goal:

> To secure for their "sexual orientations" the same legal (plus additional) rights, protections and privileges now enjoyed by legitimate racial, ethnic and religious groups.

I am writing on behalf of Colorado for Family Values, to ask your help in stopping gay activists from achieving this goal. Colorado for Family Values, a newly-formed organization of concerned citizens, has already achieved major victories by:

1. Defeating a proposed Colorado Springs ordinance granting "protected class status" to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

2. Halting passage of a proposed State "Ethnic Harassment Bill," which would, among other things, have made it a felony crime for church pastors to preach against homosexuality.

3. Devising America's first plan to stop special "gay rights" by voter initiative a plan so innovative that it has secured the support of prominent Colorado civil rights leaders and gained national attention as a model other states are now following.

But militant homosexuals are not deterred by these setbacks. In fact, they have achieved victories of their own:

- In December 1990 Governor Roy Romer issued an Executive Order granting special status to gays in State agencies.

- Gay and lesbian activists succeeded in getting a special "gay rights" ordinance passed in Denver, similar to the one defeated in Colorado Springs. A referendum drive by Denver citizens failed, by a narrow margin, to repeal it.

- The Colorado State Civil Rights Commission (whose former head also chaired the State's most prominent special "gay rights" activist organization) voted to create and promote special "gay rights" legislation throughout this state.

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How have militant gays made such inroads into our state and local governments? Claiming this is a "simple civil rights issue," gay extremists have played on the political sympathies of legislators to gain the reward of special rights and protected status. Their deceptive arguments boil down to this:

> Gays have suffered emotional torment because society disapproves of their behavior. Therefore, society owes them protected class status to redress their injuries and make them feel better.

First, gays already have the same recourse under law as the rest of us against physical assault, libelous or slanderous verbal abuse and injury to their property. Second, to equate the self created miseries of pleasure-addicted gays -- who sport average incomes of nearly $55,500 a year -- with the innocent sufferings and crippling poverty of legitimate minority groups is an insult to those who've struggled to achieve true civil rights in America. Third, sexual behavior alone has never been a reason to grant civil rights protection. Nor should it be. Tony Marco, one of the Founders of Colorado for Family Values, has put it well:

> "If having sex becomes all it takes to be considered `ethnic' with full rights and privileges, the very concept of ethnicity will lose nearly all its meaning and value."

What will happen if gays achieve "ethnic" status and special rights? Quite simply, Colorado citizens of all kinds will be deprived of their civil rights. You'll lose your freedom of speech and conscience to object to homosexual behavior. Your church or business may be forced to hire gays. If you are a landlord, you will be compelled to rent to gays, regardless of your moral convictions. If you are a day care center owner, you will be forced to employ homosexuals and lesbians. Lest you think I'm overstating the impact of special "gay rights" legislation, consider the recent consequences of such laws in other states:

- In Madison, Wisconsin, two heterosexual women refused to share their apartment with a lesbian applicant. Under a city "gay rights" ordinance, the two women were fined a total of $1,500, required to write letters of apology to the applicant, assigned to attend "sensitivity" classes taught by lesbians, involving graphic depictions of homosexual behavior, and were forbidden to ask later rental applicants about their "sexual orientation."

- In 1989, in Laguna Beach, California, a 9-year-old boy was frightened by seeing three gay men having sex in a public restroom. The City Council refused to act on the complaint of citizens disturbed by this outrageous event. Having a gay mayor, and a special "gay rights" ordinance, Laguna Beach did not see fit to investigate and prosecute this incident.

- Recently, the Minneapolis Roman Catholic Archdiocese was assessed $20,000 in damages and $15,000 in fines -- for refusing to allow a homosexual club to hold meetings in church owned facilities.

Is it possible Colorado's people could face nightmares like these? It is not only possible, but probable if special "gay rights" laws are passed. Militant gays have made it clear in their writings that they have no use for the traditional family, for traditional moral standards, for traditional religion. Nor do they seem concerned about the health crisis which may result if homosexual extremists succeed in forcing society to accept their promiscuous behavior. (Surveys of gays by gays show that homosexuals average more than 500 lifetime sexual partners.)

Gays are by far Colorado's most active communicators of sexually transmitted diseases. Though no more, probably, than 2% of our population, homosexuals are responsible for 85% of our State's AIDS cases. (More than four-fifths of these originate in Denver alone.) Caring for one AIDS patient from infection through death costs about $250,000. AIDS and its consequences will cost America billions of dollars in 1991 alone -- of which Colorado will pay its share.

And you and I will pay, too, with higher health insurance premiums and hospital costs, exorbitant legal expenses and even higher taxes. Incredibly, despite their affluence, militant gays are demanding that taxpayers pay their health care bills -- robbing the handicapped and true minorities of urgently-needed care and benefits as well.

But legitimizing special "gay rights" would exact a far greater price of our State than mere dollars. Doors would open for gays to make even deeper inroads into every public and private institution including our schools. Denver public school teachers and counselors are already being trained to teach our children starting in Kindergarten -- that homosexuality is a normal, healthy lifestyle.

Clearly gays' influence will grow even more rapidly if responsible citizens like you and me allow militant gay activists to successfully promote civil rights protections for themselves.

What can you and I do to stop them?

Under Colorado law, citizens may gather petitions to place initiatives on election ballots, to be decided by public vote. This is the course Colorado for Family Values has taken to defeat gay activists. On July 31, 1991, Colorado for Family Values filed proposed ballot initiative language with our State's Legislative Council. The initiative was authored and reviewed by some of America's most noted Constitutional attorneys.

On March 20, 1992, CFV submitted more than 85,900 petition signatures in support of this initiative to the Colorado Secretary of State's office. If approved by voters in the 1992 General Election, this initiative will amend our State's Constitution to prohibit protected class status based on "gay" orientations. It will nullify all existing state and local laws giving gays special class status. It will make future attempts by militant gays to pass new special "gay rights" laws pointless.

Thus, one decisive move by concerned voters like you and me can eliminate the threat of protected status for homosexuals. But before achieving victory, Colorado for Family Values must still:

1. Enlist an "army" of concerned citizens to help carry out a massive, statewide educational campaign exposing the true aims of militant homosexuals and the impact of their legislative efforts. Public education is critical to the initiative drive's success.

2. Conduct a statewide drive to register and get to the polls enough Colorado voters to make sure CFV's initiative gets the YES vote into Colorado's Constitution in November, 1992.

To move forward toward these crucial goals, Colorado for Family Values must raise $100,000 in the next 90 days alone. That is why I am asking for your immediate financial support today. Colorado for Family Values depends solely on

individual, voluntary contributions. Success or failure in this effort depends on people like you who will take a stand for family values. Will you please help?

You can contribute with confidence. I have known many of CFV's leaders personally for years. They are men and women of great integrity. Their intention is not to take away a single right homosexuals share with the rest of us. Their primary concern is protecting family values, traditional morality and legitimate civil rights for all Coloradans.

Please mail your contribution today. Your gift will help launch extraordinarily effective action, because CFV's special non-profit status allows this organization to directly interact with Colorado's system of government. Thus, you can take great satisfaction in knowing you have played a truly vital role in protecting those values which we cherish, and for which we have labored so long and so hard.

Sincerely,

Bill Armstrong

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P.S. Despite their claim to be "oppressed," gays are among Colorado's most affluent citizens. They have indicated they'll spend at least one million dollars in an attempt to defeat Colorado for Family Values' initiative. Our only hope for victory rests with God -- and with responsible citizens like you and me. Thank you for giving generously.

What Colorado Leaders Are Saying About Colorado For Family Values

"I support CFV's initiative because the homosexual lifestyle is not an example of what we should accept as a standard for our children, not only because of biblical admonitions against gays, but because of health aspects of promoting the lifestyle most responsible for spreading AIDS."

Jayne Schindler
President, CO Eagle Forum
Chairman, CO Pro-Family Coalition

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Denver, CO

"`Gay rights' cannot be likened in any fashion to the Black struggle for Civil Rights. For me, that is a blatant insult to those who paid a great price for basic human rights and equality. Colorado for Family Values is showing that `gay rights' is not, nor will it ever be, a Civil Rights issue, but rather a question of morality and individual values."

Rev. Gill Ford
Pastor, Salem Baptist Church
Denver, CO

"Aggressive proponents of special rights for homosexuals are attacking America's traditional values. `Homophobia' has become the latest stigma, as our society is being indoctrinated into new `standards' of morality and behavior. I applaud CFV's efforts to `draw a line' against these forces."

Cheryl Gillaspie
City Councilwoman
Colorado Springs, CO

"The equation of homosexuality with the noble history of civil rights in this country serves only to dilute, distort and denigrate true civil rights. I urge all Colorado citizens to support, with prayer and action, the initiative launched by Colorado for Family Values."

Dr. Anthony Evans
Executive Director
The Urban Alternative
(America's largest ministry
to the Black family)

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What Is Colorado for Family Values?

Colorado for Family Values began in February, 1991, as a concerned citizens' coalition opposed to legislation granting "protected class" status equal to "gay sexual orientations."

In early 1991, CFV testimony helped defeat a State "Ethnic Harassment Bill" that would have legally protected homosexual behavior.

CFV then helped defeat a proposed "gay rights" ordinance in Colorado Springs, organizing rallies of concerned citizens and the writing of more than 3,200 signed postcards and letters to City Council opposing the ordinance. CFV also organized a successful "Citizens' Boycott" of a Colorado Springs "gay pride" parade.

CFV has secured 501(c)4 non-profit status and launched a statewide "Stop Special Rights" initiative campaign. CFV is now working to educate all Coloradans about "gay" behaviors, so the public can make an informed, responsible decision in November, 1992, about giving "gay" behavior this State's legal blessing.

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YES, I Want to Help Protect Colorado's Family Values...

Militant gay, lesbian and bisexual activists must be stopped. To help Colorado for Family Values move its statewide education and voter registration campaigns forward, I enclose my citizen's contribution in the amount of:

☐ $35 ☐ $50 ☐ $75 ☐ $100 ☐ Other $ _____

❑ I will keep the sample ballot below as a reminder to vote **YES** in November to Stop Special Rights.

❑ I am a registered voter, and I'm willing to help CFV by ❑ **distributing literature**, or ❑ **helping register voters**
Please contact me.

Your Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to **Colorado for Family Values**, and mail in the enclosed envelope to CFV • P.O. Box 190 • Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Contributions to Colorado for Family Values, a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation, are not tax-deductible for charitable purposes.

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Sample Ballot

SHALL THERE BE AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION TO **PROHIBIT** THE STATE OF COLORADO AND ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING ANY LAW OR POLICY WHICH PROVIDES THAT **HOMOSEXUAL**, LESBIAN, OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION OR CONDUCT, OR RELATIONSHIPS CONSTITUTES OR ENTITLES A PERSON TO CLAIM ANY **MINORITY OR PROTECTED STATUS,** QUOTA PREFERENCES OR DISCRIMINATION?	**YES**	**X**
	NO	

Vote YES in November to Stop Special Rights!

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